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CDMA SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) and Set Connection has been programmed for new C.D.M.A. system of wide coverage bu changes have not been incorporated in new C.M.D.A. system even after 3 months;

(a) whether the subscribers of C.D.M.A. system of WLL hand sets have not been given wide coverage even after converting their 10 digit numbers into 7 digit numbers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any time limit has been fixed to widen coverage of WLL hand set connection; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) The handsets of existing WLL subscribers have been called for by MTNL for programming as per new CDMA system under installation. However, these handsets are still working on the existing CDMA system and they will work as per new programming only when the new CDMA system will be commissioned.The date of change over of these subscribers to new CMDA system will be intimated to the subscribers individually as well as through advertisement in leading newspapers.

(b) & (c): The change over the CDMA WLL subscribers from 10 digit numbers into 7 digit numbers has been done as per guidelines of Department of Telecommunications (DOT). However, the CDMA system remaining the same, the coverage available to the subscribers is the same as provided earlier. MTNL is in aprocess to commission new CDMA network which will provide better coverage.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Within this financial year.